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MINISTER SETTLES A CIVIL SUIT

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12.—By an impromptu and impassioned plea for a belief in the Bible and arbitration, Rev. Ezra Herndon brought to a sudden termination a civil suit involving \$125 which was about to be heard in a justice court here yesterday.

The jury had been chosen and the attorneys ordered to open their case when the minister asked permission of the court to say a few words. He began by asking how many of the spectators and jurymen believed in the Bible. All answered in the affirmative. He then quoted from the book to show that law suits were in direct opposition to the word of God.

Upon the suggestion of the minister, the justice appointed a spectator and the deputy constable as arbiters. Within a few minutes they returned a verdict satisfactory to both parties to the suit.

REFERENDUM VOTE BEING CALLED FOR

Washington, Nov. 12.—Condemnation or endorsement of the proposed plan of Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce, for the broadening of the scope of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, is being sought from members of the chamber of commerce of the United States. That organization today sent

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DIVORCE THE GREAT PROBLEM

National Crime Against Childhood and Confession of Failure By American People.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 12.—Divorce was characterized as "the greatest question in the world today and as a national crime against childhood and a confession of failure and weakness by the American people," by Bishop J. N. McCormick of Grand Rapids, Mich., in an address before the International Purify Congress here late yesterday.

The number of divorces granted in America is an evidence that we favor trial marriages and that we are practicing progressive polygamy, continued the speaker. "America is held up and right, as the land of easy divorce. It used to be shameful, now it is almost respectable."

"One of the causes of divorce is the flippant attitude we adopt toward it. Men and women actually boast of the number of their marriages. The number of our professional divorce lawyers is a disgrace to the country. It was spent less time on the problem of divorce and more on the problem of marriage, the world would be better off."

"Make our homes more attractive and cultivate the old fashioned virtues of patience, contentment, self-sacrifice and Christian charity and the divorce evil will disappear."

A step which will aid in its solution would be for the clergy of all churches to agree not to marry persons who could not be married in their own church."

BATTLESHIP TEXAS NEARS COMPLETION

Washington, Nov. 12.—The new battleship Texas, which lately had her acceptance trials, is now 96 per cent completed, according to an official statement by the navy department today. The vessel probably will go into commission about Christmas.

The New York, which stands 92 per cent completed, is second on the list of battleships now building.

In the destroyed class, the Albatross, now 87.4 per cent completed, probably will be the next vessel of that type commissioned. The submarine H-3 is 98 per cent completed, but leads the H-1 and H-2 by only one-tenth of one per cent. The gunboat Monaca, advanced to 99 per cent on completion, is first of the list of such craft, the only other vessel of that type being the Sacramento, which is a little more than half done.

WARDEN AND WIFE GIVEN A SURPRISE

San Quentin, Cal., Nov. 12.—Warden John E. Hoyle, the retiring head of San Quentin prison, and Mrs. Hoyle were given a surprise party last night by the prison band, composed of thirty-five convicts. Through permission granted by the captain of the guard, the band was allowed to leave the prison walls and assemble under the balcony of the warden's residence. During the serenade the prisoners and guards stood with heads uncovered. Hoyle will say his final farewell to the prison today.

A difference with the president of the prison board brought about Hoyle's resignation.

PULITZER BEQUEST IS ORDERED PAID

New York, N. Y., Nov. 12.—By a decree filed in the supreme court the executors and trustees under the will of Joseph Pulitzer are directed to pay \$700,000 to the New York Philharmonic society immediately, with interest of 2 1/2 per cent since December 4, 1912.

The decree was entered on a decision by Phoenix Ingraham, referee, in a proceeding brought by the Pulitzer trustees to determine whether the Philharmonic society has complied with the terms of the will.

Mr. Pulitzer originally left the society \$500,000 but in a codicil he left as an additional bequest to the society part of the income from the fund set aside for his sons, Joseph and Herbert Pulitzer, on condition that the society had a paying membership of more than 1000, within three years after his death. The trustees agreed to make a \$200,000 payment on account of this income in case the referee found that the society had fulfilled the terms.

Referee Ingraham reported that the

society had 1059 members and is entitled to the money.

UNION TO DECIDE FINN'S STANDING

New York, Nov. 12.—Investigation of the amateur standing of Hannu Kolehmainen, the Finnish Olympic champion, will be begun tonight by the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. It was announced last night Kolehmainen must appear with all of the trophies he has won in this country. The hearings will be in secret.

Friends of the Finnish champion maintain his innocence of any violation of amateur laws.

NAVIGATION LAWS MUST BE ENFORCED

Washington, Nov. 12.—Determined to enforce the United States navigation laws relative to safety appliances, the department of commerce today approved a fine of \$1000 against the Spanish steamer, Montevideo, for not carrying sufficient life boats. The steamer sailed from San Juan, Porto Rico, last August, with 753 passengers, many of whom were children and only twelve life boats. The government would not take into consideration the three canvas boats.

SECRETARY OF WAR WITHOUT AUTHORITY

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The secretary of war has no authority to dictate the number of officers and men of the militia to institute a rifle camp of instruction whose officers and men shall be paid under the militia act.

Comptroller of the Treasury Downey, final arbiter of such questions, decided so today.

The question arose when the auditor for the war department ruled that a recent encampment in Arizona at which 44 officers and men representing the six companies of militia were present was not an encampment recognized by the war department. He cited regulations of the secretary of war which declare that a legal encampment must include two officers and twenty men from each militia company.

The comptroller announced that congress alone possessed authority to make such a limitation on the militia act.

HUNTER HAS ODD PUZZLE TO SOLVE

Orange, N. J., Nov. 12.—Henry Clark, a local hunter, is appealing to his friends today to solve an odd puzzle, which is amusing local partisans. Clark went hunting in the Orange mountains yesterday, the first day of the open season for rabbits, and came back with a large possum in his game bag. When he set out to prepare the possum for a roast he found it had swallowed a celluloid button, bearing a picture of Theodore Roosevelt, on which was printed, "Vote for Theodore Roosevelt for governor." The button was evidently one used during Roosevelt's gubernatorial campaign in New York state. Clark avers that the original Bull Moose must have been a possum.

DEPARTMENT MAKES INCOME TAX RULINGS

New decisions on the income tax law were received by the internal revenue collector yesterday. Interest on bonds of the United States or any state, county or city is not subject to the income tax. Banks or trust companies are not held liable at the source for the normal income tax of 1 per cent on interest on deposits.

The new rulings in full are as follows:

"Banks, bankers, trust companies, and other banking institutions, receiving deposits of money, are not required under the treasury regulations (part 2) approved October 31, 1913, to withhold at the source the normal income tax of 1 per cent on the interest paid or accrued or accruing to depositors, whether on open accounts or on certificates of deposit; but all such interest, whether paid, or accrued and not paid, must be included in his tax return by the person or persons entitled to receive such interest whether on open account or on the certificate of deposit."

"It has been called to the attention of this office that banks in certain sections are refusing to pay coupons for interest on bonds of states, counties, cities or other political subdivisions of the United States, when such coupons are not accompanied by certificates of ownership without deducting the normal income tax of 1 per cent which the law and the regulations of this department require



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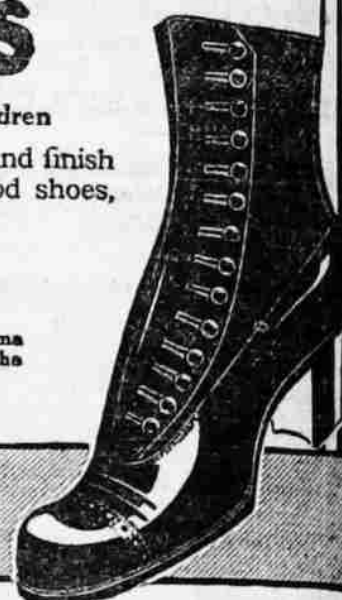
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DERELICT'S CREW ARRIVES.
New York, N. Y., Nov. 12.—The crew of the United States schooner, Little Bird, which now rests at the bottom of the Atlantic, or floats a derelict, arrived here today from England. The schooner sailed from South Amboy, N. J., September 26, for Augusta, Me., laden with coal. On October 16, off Nantucket, she was unmasked by a storm and an hour later the British tank steamer Sylvia, from Newport News, took off all on board.

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